

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT



Judge Judith Atherton was appointed to the Third District Court in August 1995 by Gov. Michael Leavitt. Judge Atherton received a juris doctor from the University of Utah College of Law in 1983. She has served as counsel for the Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Division. Judge Atherton has been co-chair of the Standing Committee on Children and Family Law, served on the Committee for Improvement of Jury Service, and the Board of District Court Judges. Currently, she is a member of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and the Utah Judicial Council. Judge Atherton is assigned to the criminal division of the Third District Court and since 2004 has supervised the Third District Mental Health Court, a calendar that addresses the needs of mentally ill defendants in the criminal justice system.

Judge Atherton's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

Judge
Judith S. H. Atherton
 District Court
 Third Judicial District
 (Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele)

- 1) A favorable rating by at least 70% of the respondents on at least 75% of the attorney survey questions. See specific results below.
- 2) A favorable rating by at least 70% of the respondents on at least 75% of the juror survey questions. See specific results below.
- 3) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 4) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during her term.
- 5) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 6) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Survey of Attorneys

There were 108 respondents for Judge Atherton.

Question (See page 40 for questions)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total Favorable	%	87	82	95	86	86	96	90	98	90	90	92	96	90
Excellent	%	47	42	49	48	47	51	47	59	46	47	44	50	44
More than Adequate	%	28	28	33	29	27	31	22	23	27	31	33	28	25
Adequate	%	13	12	13	9	12	14	20	16	17	12	15	18	20
Less than Adequate	%	8	11	3	6	6	1	4	1	6	6	3	2	5
Inadequate	%	5	7	2	8	8	3	6	1	5	4	5	2	6

Survey of Jurors

There were 133 respondents for Judge Atherton.

Yes	%	100	100	100	100	99	98	99	100
No	%	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0